

Questions for CIA

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A letter recently appeared on your editorial page defending the role of the CIA in recent years. As far as I am concerned the CIA has a lot of explaining to do.

One can recall the bitter Bay of Pigs invasion in which so many brave men were sacrificed to the Cuban Army under Fidel Castro. The Cuban Army of that day was the third largest in this hemisphere. It had British late model fighters and Russian T34 tanks, so decisive against the Germans during World War II. Yet the attacking force was in possession of few heavy weapons by comparison and was grossly inadequate as to number.

It is incredible that the CIA had no information as to the relative strength of the Castro forces. Presidential aide Theodore Sorensen intimates that the President was misled by the experts, who presumably would include members of our top intelligence agency. This raises several other questions. It is doubtful if Castro could have and deploy armor and aircraft of that sophistication without being noticed. If the CIA did have informants who could notice, (and it must be assumed they did) and if this intelligence was transmitted (and we can only assume it was), then how could the Joint Chiefs of Staff advise such an invasion?

The answers would indeed be interesting, although they will never come in our day.

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